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PERFORMANCE OF NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overall business performance of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federations of India Limited (NAFED) has been continuously declining for the last three years; and

(b) if so, the measures taken/being taken to improve its business performance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): No, Sir. Though the business performance of National Agricultural Cooperatives Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) had declined during the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, yet during the year 1999-2000 NAFED has achieved a business turnoverof approximately Rs.625 crores in comparision to Rs.462.94 crores in 1998-99.

(b): NAFED has taken the following various measures to improve its business performance:-

(i) to increase institutional supplies of food products and agricultural commodities;

(ii) to increase the activities of consumer marketing of food and agricultural products;

(iii) to expedite completion of income generating products such as bio-fertiliser unit, cold storage and other storage godowns;

(iv) to increase business activities in jute and jute products;

(v) to undertake activities under Government account such as handling of imported pulses and buffer stocking of onion; and

(vi) to make special efforts to get back the lost business viz. associate shipper status for export of Niger seed.